

CITIZEN'S INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT)

Project Review Committee

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

City of Surfside Commission Chambers

9293 Harding Avenue

6 p.m.

Summary of Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT:

LtCol Antonio Colmenares
Miles Moss
Hon. James Reeder

COUNTY ATTORNEY

Bruce Libhaber

OTHERS PRESENT:

Nan A. Markowitz, Executive Director, OCITT
Pepe Valdes, OCITT
Joanna Santiago, OCITT
George Navarrete, MDT
Maria Cerna, MDT
John Prats, OCITT
Aimee Martinez, MDT
Peter Evans, Metro Aqua Cats

Lourdes Gomez, MDT
Luis Linares, OCITT
Jack Furney, OCITT
Virginia Diaz, OCITT
Diana Gonzalez, MDT
Mayra Bustamante, MDT
Eduardo Castro, MDT
Ruby Hemingway-Adams, MDT

ROLL CALL

With a quorum present, LtCol Antonio Colmenares called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Reeder moved for the approval of the agenda; seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Moss moved for approval of the September 22, 2004, minutes; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS/REPORTS

LtCol Colmenares gave an oral report of the site visits to the City of Miami Beach and the City of North Miami Beach that took place on October 1, 2004. He provided a general overview of the various projects each city is involved in utilizing the municipal portion of the surtax proceeds. Each city provided a short presentation and a tour of their city, transit services and road projects. Additionally, LtCol Colmenares made Committee Members aware of any pending issues or concerns relating to the cities, such as the City of Miami Beach's interest in transferring control of the "Electrowave" Circulator service to Miami-Dade County. The City of Miami Beach is scheduled to meet with Miami-Dade County to discuss this matter further. In the meantime, the City of Miami Beach is scheduled to buy six additional diesel buses.

LtCol Colmenares stated that he would like to continue visiting the cities and see first-hand the projects currently being funded by surtax proceeds. Future city tours will be announced and all members are always welcome to attend.

ACTION ITEMS

- 6A. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) RECOMMENDING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (BCC) AMEND THE PEOPLE'S TRANSPORTATION PLAN TO INCLUDE PARATRANSIT SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (STS) AS AN ELIGIBLE PROJECT FOR CHARTER COUNTY TRANSIT SURTAX FUNDS (Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the Budget & Finance Committee)

LtCol Colmenares requested that Action Item 6A be deferred pending a site visit of the Paratransit/Special Transportation Services (STS) office and their STS providers. The site visit is open to all members wishing to attend. He also called for a follow-up Project Review Committee meeting for October 27, 2004, at 9 a.m. at which time this item will be considered. Mr. Moss motioned for the deferral of Action Item 6A; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

Mr. Reeder questioned whether the twenty percent the municipalities receive could be applied to pay for this service. Bruce Libhaber, Assistant County Attorney, responded that the twenty percent rule does not apply to the municipalities since this is an amendment to the People's Transportation Plan (PTP) and a County project.

Mr. Libhaber also informed the Committee that at the Budget & Finance Committee meeting of October 13, 2004, the resolution language was amended to include an expiration date and a cap. Mr. Libhaber will provide the Committee with the revised resolution to be considered at the follow-up PRC meeting of October 27, 2004.

- 6B. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE MIAMI-DADE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT TO GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER COMPANY FOR TIRE LEASING AND VEHICLE TIRE SERVICES, SUB ITEM 1.3 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT MANAGEMENT'S COMMODITIES AND SERVICES CONTRACT AWARDS (Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the Budget & Finance Committee)

Staff noted questions to Miami-Dade Transit (MDT) and their responses were distributed at the meeting. Lourdes Gomez, Assistant to the Director for MDT, and Diana Gonzalez, Contracts Manager for MDT, went through the questions and provided the Committee with additional information and clarification as needed. Questions and issues raised by the Members centered on costs, maintenance, mileage usage and

liabilities. Mr. Reeder moved for approval of Action Item 6B; seconded by Mr. Moss and carried without dissent.

- 6C. RESOLUTION BY THE CITIZENS' INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION TRUST (CITT) APPROVING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' (BCC) ACTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT (PSA) BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND HNTB CORPORATION, TO PROVIDE PLANNING AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE EAST-WEST CORRIDOR, CONTRACT NO. TR04-EWC-R, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,988,896 (Forwarded with a favorable recommendation by the Budget & Finance Committee)

George Navarrete, Acting Assistant Director for MDT, provided a complete overview and status report on the East-West Metrorail Corridor project. His report included the purpose of this Professional Services Agreement, scope of work and its relevance to the PTP. Mr. Navarrete also informed the Committee that in the interest of moving this project along as quickly and efficiently as possible, MDT has negotiated the entire effort in this contract. This approach, which differs from similar past contracts, will eliminate the need for supplemental agreements and will result in approval from the Federal Transit Administration to begin Final Design and move into project implementation. Mr. Moss moved for approval of Action Item 6C; seconded by Mr. Reeder and carried without dissent.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Moss informed the Committee that the Budget and Finance Committee has recommended expanding the original School Flashing Signal study to not only determine the benefits of school flashing signals, but also to include a priority grading system and create an inventory of locations in Miami-Dade County that would benefit according to certain criteria.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Project Review Committee meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2004, at 3 p.m. at the Stephen P. Clarke Center, 10th Floor Conference Room.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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